

Appl. No. 09/983,092
Amtd. Dated August 16, 2005
Reply to Office action of May 16, 2005
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Fig 5 and 7.

A Submittal of Drawing Replacement Sheet(s) is being filed concurrently herewith under a separate cover. For your convenience, a copy of that filing is attached.

Attachment: Copy of Submittal of Drawing Replacement Sheets

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended Claims 21 and 24; Claims 1-17 and 22-23 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 18-21 and 24-25 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Examiner Objections – Drawings

The Drawings were objected to because in Figures 5 and 7, "SEIZE" needed to be replaced with -SIZE-. A correction to the drawing is shown on the enclosed replacement sheet. The Examiner's approval of the drawing change is respectfully requested.

3.) Examiner Objections - Claims

The Examiner objected to Claim 21 because of informalities. Again, the Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough review of the claims. The Applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in order to correct the informalities. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

4.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 18-20.

5.) Objected Claims

The Applicant notes with appreciation the conditional allowance of claims 23-25. As the Examiner has suggested, claim 23 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitation of the base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore no amendments have been made to narrow the scope of the pending claims or to create any sort of estoppel. More specifically, Claim 22 and 23 have been cancelled without prejudice and their recited limitations incorporated into independent Claim 21.

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Claims 24 and 25 depend from amended claim 21 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 21. Therefore, the allowance of claims 21 and 24-25 is respectfully requested.